THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION CIVIL CASE NO. 1:12cv96

MELISSA D. COATES,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.	ORDER OF REMAND
MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner of Social Security Administration,)))
Defendant.)))

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Entry of Judgment under Sentence Four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) with Reversal and Remand of the Cause to the Defendant [Doc. 11]. The Plaintiff consents to the motion.

Sentence Four of 42 U.S.C. §405(g) provides, in pertinent part, that "[t]he court shall have power to enter, upon the pleadings and transcript of the record, a judgment affirming, modifying, or reversing the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security, with or without remanding the cause for a rehearing." The Defendant here has moved for reversal of his decision and for remand of this case for further administrative proceedings.

The Court finds that remand is appropriate. See Melkonyan v. Sullivan, 501 U.S. 89, 111 S.Ct. 2157, 115 L.Ed.2d 78 (1991). Upon remand to the Commissioner, the Appeals Council shall give further consideration to the reopening of Plaintiff's July 2006 application and shall further evaluate Plaintiff's period of alleged disability prior to December 9, 2006. If the Appeals Council is unable to resolve these issues, the Appeals Council may remand the case to an administrative law judge (ALJ) for further development.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Entry of Judgment Under Sentence Four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) with Reversal and Remand of the Cause to the Defendant [Doc. 11] is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security is hereby REVERSED and this case is hereby REMANDED for further administrative proceedings, consistent with this Order.

The Clerk of Court shall enter a separate Judgment of Remand simultaneously herewith. The Clerk of Court is notified that this is a final judgment closing the case.

Signed: September 13, 2012

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Martin Reidinger
United States District Judge